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Professor Meg Daly
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Re: Approval of Revision to the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography

Dear Meg:

The SBS Panel on January 11, 2016 approved a proposal by Sociology to revise its Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography (GISD).

The proposal makes two changes to the program. First, students are required to take a newly created, three-unit seminar course, SOCIOL 8802 (*Proseminar for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography*). This will replace the requirement to take the one-unit seminar course, SOCIOL 7884.09 (*Seminar in Research Methods*). Second, students are required to take a newly created method course, SOCIOL 7753 (*Introduction to Demographic Analysis*). This will replace the requirement to take SOCIOL 7884.13 (*Seminar: Population/Demography*). The newly created courses will have the same substantive content as the ones they replace. The rest of the curriculum will remain the same.

The proposal is based on the experience in implementing the specialization program for the first time this year. Sociology felt the need to change the course titles to accurately reflect the true content of the instruction. Also, Sociology felt the need to expand the seminar course to three-unit, to allow for a deeper coverage of the subject matter. The panel agrees with the needs, and voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

The proposal was initially submitted on January 7, 2016. The panel first discussed it on January 11, 2016. The proposal was approved with the contingency that the two newly created courses be fully approved. The contingency has since been resolved.

Sincerely,

Pok-sang Lam
Chair, ASCC SBS Panel